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SETTING UP OF REMOTE SENSING UNITS
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the areas where remote sensing units are likely to be set up by the Government for mitigation of earthquake disaster and strengthening management;

(b) the extent to which work has been completed with regard to setting up of these units alongwith the time by which the rest of the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the place-wise details of the proposals sanctioned or under construction with regard to scientific analysis of the reasons and the remedial measures for the situation of draught in various parts of the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

(a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) / Department of Space (DOS) is not planning to set-up remote sensing units specifically for mitigation of earthquake disaster.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) ISRO/DOS does not have any proposals sanctioned or under consideration with regard to scientific analysis of the reasons and the remedial measures for the situation of drought in various parts of the country.
However, ISRO/DOS carries out Agricultural drought monitoring using satellite data and collateral information for 13 drought prone states of the country during Kharif season (June to November) and provides the monthly drought bulletins to the Relief Commissioners of the respective states, Commissioners/Directors of Ministry of Agriculture, Indian Meteorological Department and Central Water Commission.